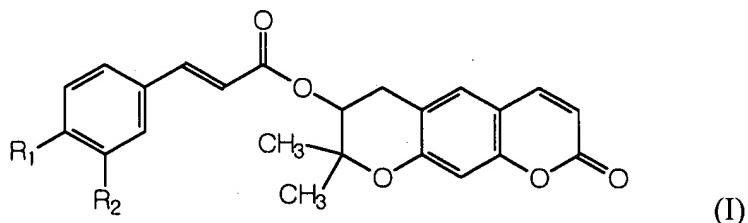


Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

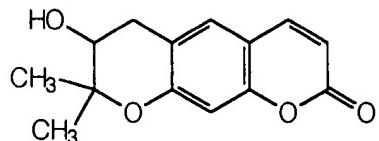
Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A pyranocoumarin derivative compound of the following general formula:

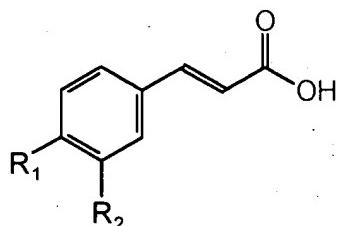


, wherein R₁ and R₂ each represent hydrogen or C₁₋₄alkoxy, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (Currently amended) An agent A pharmaceutical composition for enhancing cognition, comprising a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of the general formula (I) as defined in Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.
3. (Currently amended) A process for preparing the compound of the general formula (I) as defined in Claim 1, ~~comprising the step of which comprises~~ esterifying decursinol of the following formula:



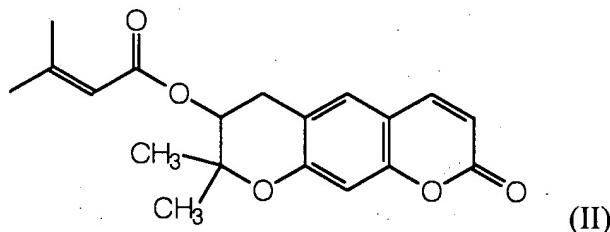
with a phenyl propanoid of the following general formula:



(b)

wherein R₁ and R₂ each represent hydrogen or C₁₋₄ alkoxy,
whereby a compound of the general formula (I) is obtained.

4. (Currently amended) An agent A method for enhancing cognition in a subject, comprising decursin of the following formula: administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the following formula (II):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient, whereby the cognition of the subject is enhanced.

5. (Canceled)
6. (New) A method for enhancing cognition in a subject, comprising administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of the compound of formula (I) as defined in Claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient, whereby the cognition of the subject is enhanced.